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## *AMENDEMENT B*

Box Amendment - Non/Fee Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed July 18, 2002 in the above referenced application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 16-17 and 20-22 in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

and

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended)/ A corrosion-resistant coated and cured strap comprising; an elongated metal strap base element, the metal strap base element having a width defining first and second sides and a thickness defining a pair of opposing edge regions;

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